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Dear Mr. Reville:

Thank you for your letter concerning environmental hypersensitivity.

My staff have contacted all of the Psychiatric Hospitals and, as a result, I can assure you that the psychiatrists, physicians and other professional staff work in these facilities are aware of this disease. Staff of the psychiatric hospitals can and do avail themselves of every opportunity to further their knowledge in current issues, such as environmental hypersensitivity, which may affect patients under their care.

You may be interested to know that each patient receives a complete physical examination prior to admittance to a psychiatric facility. This is done to ensure that the diagnosis is of a psychiatric nature so that inappropriate admissions do not occur.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to your concern.

Sincerely,

p/p Jay Kaufman
Assistant Deputy Minister
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